

## Brilliant Ball.

The Ball given by the young men of the Abbeville Club, at the New Hotel on Monday night, was a brilliant affair. Many ladies and gentlemen from all over the county were present, and the occasion, and our own contingent of fair demure and beauty was out in full force.

The hall of the hotel is an elegant ball room, and the brilliant event of last Monday night is an appropriate Christmas of this splendid hostelry. Fishburne's band from Augusta made music, and the dance went on till the wee sma' hours against the wall.

On the floor we observed the following ladies.

## CHAPERONES.

Mrs. J. S. Cuthan—Dress black silk, jet and pearls.

Mrs. W. C. Bonet—Black silk, jet trimmings, black lace yoke and sleeves.

Miss E. B. Calhoun—Black silk, white roses.

Mrs. S. M. W. Smith—Black brocade silk, Russian lace, ornaments, diamonds.

Mrs. M. L. Bonham, Jr.—Violet silk and velvet, white lace.

## DANCERS.

Miss Vance—White satin and lace and nuns veiling.

Miss Laurie Vance—Pink satin, flowers, gold ornaments.

Miss Baxter—Cardinal silk, en train, white lace.

Miss Mattie Aiken—White nuns veiling, white lace.

Miss Simkins—Pink nuns veiling, white lace, pink roses.

Miss Maggie Aiken—Flesh colored nuns veiling, white embroidery.

Miss Sallie Calhoun—Lilac silk, nuns veiling, morning glories.

Miss Helen Wardlaw—Cream colored satin, white tulle, diamonds.

Miss Baker—White satin, white lace, very handsome dress.

Miss Whitener—Eccu nuns veiling, white satin.

Miss Sloan—Flesh colored satin, water-tulle, train, brocade, white lace and flowers.

Miss Nell Aldrich—Crimson cashmere, black lace yoke and sleeves.

Miss Rutherford—White watered silk, court train, pearls.

Mrs. Orr—Black satin cut square, black lace sleeves, embroidered in jet corals.

Miss Mary Aiken—Dark brown tulle, white lace.

Miss Lizzie Walker—Dark cashmere.

Miss Ida Calhoun—White Swiss, lace and flowers.

Miss Lomax—White nuns veiling, velvet gold ornaments.

Mrs. C. C. Wardlaw—Black silk, past-semicircular trimmings, white lace.

Miss Carrie Cobb—Beautiful dress, pale blue satin, beaded, crimson trimmings.

Miss Hancock—Cream colored nuns veiling, satin, white lace yoke and sleeves.

Miss Norwood—Cream dress, lace and roses.

Miss Bessie Norwood—White nuns veiling, cream lace, satin trimmings.

Miss Gordon—Pink nuns veiling, pink satin basque, ornaments, carnelians.

Miss Rosa McGowan—Pink muslin, white lace.

Miss Kittie Perrin—Crimson nuns veiling, crocheted boucans, garnets.

Miss Visanka—Very handsome dress of blue satin, embroidered, white lace.

Miss Sarah Perrin—Very handsome dress, blue satin, brocade silk, gold ornaments.

Miss Hannah Hemphill—White tarlatan over pink.

Miss Annie Hemphill—White tarlatan over white.

Miss Josie Russell—White nuns veiling, satin waist.

Miss Orme Hughes—White tarlatan, satin trimmings and flowers.

Miss Cuthan—White nuns veiling, surah silk, pearl ornaments.

Miss Lawson—Very showy dress of white lace.

Miss Penny—White lace, white satin basque.

Miss Lucia McGowan—Dark blue cashmere, crimson facings.

Miss Sallie Marshall—Pink nuns veiling, blue trimmings.

Miss Leila Quarles—Maroon dress and flowers.

We observed among others on the floor, as spectators, Mrs. M. A. Cason, Mrs. T. F. Rier, Miss Ella McElree, Miss Lila Cobb, Mrs. W. Joel Smith, Mrs. Simkins, Miss Mary Lou Smith, Miss Lila Wardlaw, Mrs. Lythgoe, Miss Nannie Seal, Miss Josie Wardlaw, Miss Charlotte Wardlaw, Miss Sallie Wardlaw, Miss Dora Allen, Miss Agnes Quarles, Mrs. Barksdale.

## Literary Club.

The Literary Club met last Friday night at the residence of Capt. L. W. White. In the absence of Mr. W. O. Bradley the President, Mr. Thos. P. Cuthan, Vice-President, presided. Mr. W. C. McGowan read an admirable essay on Duelling. After a full and very interesting resume of the origin and history of Duelling in Europe and America, he discussed forcibly and well the moral feature of the question.

Whilst he condemned the practice and welcomed the public opinion which was gradually compelling its discontinuance, he frankly admitted that young men could not yet afford to decline a challenge without incurring the brand of cowardice. The discussion was full and interesting.

Mr. Thos. P. Cuthan was elected President, and Dr. H. D. Wilson, Vice-President. Mr. M. L. Bonham, Jr., was appointed to read the next essay with Mr. S. C. Cason as alternate. The club will meet next at the residence of Judge McGowan.

## Threat of a Rescue.

There was a rumor about Monday evening that an effort would be made to rescue John C. Ferguson from the custody of the Sheriff. There is reason to believe that some rash friends of the prisoner did indulge in some idle talk of that character. But it is not probable that there was an organized effort to that end. This country will never again permit a prisoner to be taken by force out of jail for any purpose. And the Sheriff can command, and is prepared to use, any force necessary to prevent such an occurrence.

Buy your Fruits and Confectioneries from Speed & Lowry.

## Inquest Held Over the Dead Body of Arthur M. Benedict, December 24, 1884.

CHARLES A. FERGUSON, sworn, says: We were very busy. Mr. Benedict was a young man of about 25 years of age. He was a student at the University of South Carolina. He was a very popular man, and was very well liked by all who knew him. He was a very good student, and was very successful in his studies. He was a very good athlete, and was very successful in his sports. He was a very good friend, and was very successful in his friendships. He was a very good citizen, and was very successful in his citizenship. He was a very good man, and was very successful in his life.

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## MESSAGES.

Christmas at Due West was very quiet.

General Hemphill attended the Ball.

The annual meeting of the Town Council.

Miss Sloan, of Charleston, is visiting Miss Hancock.

Miss Carrie Cobb, of Greenwood, was at the Ball.

Mr. T. C. Perrin paid a visit to Laurensville last week.

Judges McGowan and Cuthan were at the Ball.

Mr. Foster Gaidin, of Ninety-Six, is back among us again.

Mr. D. L. Wardlaw, of Montgomery, is taking in the festivities of the week.

Miss Will and John Lomax were present at the ball.

Maj. J. K. Vance came up with his lovely daughters to the Ball.

Col. J. B. Jones, of Newberry, came up to the Hall and German.

Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Orr are visiting the family of Dr. Marshall.

Mr. Geo. Smith and Mr. Cheves Haskell are spending some days in town.

We were glad to see Mr. M. A. Cason and Mr. T. C. Seal at the ball.

When will the stenographer for the Eighth Circuit be appointed?

Mr. Sam Brownlee and wife of Anderson, spent Christmas in Due West.

Walter L. Miller, Esq., spent Christmas with his home folks at Due West.

Mr. Patton, of Due West, and Mr. Jas. Stuart, of "96," were at the Ball.

Miss Dora Allen, of Florida, is visiting the family of Mr. W. Joel Smith.

Capt. James White has quarters at the residence of John T. Lyon, Esq.

Mr. Hugh Aiken is visiting friends in town and taking in the round of gaieties.

W. J. Moore, Esq., of Cokesbury, danced attendance on the fair girls at the Ball.

Mr. Thos. P. Thomson will move to Abbeville in a few days and pursue his legal studies.

Hon. E. G. Graydon and family spent the holidays in Edgfield with Mrs. Graydon's family.

Much speculation was afloat as to the author of the Carrier's Address for the *Medium*.

Dr. W. S. Killingsworth of Troy came up to the Hall and German. He is an elegant gentleman.

Dr. Mabry rode out on Monday to visit a patient. Everybody will rejoice in this good man's recovery.

Mr. C. E. Gower, son of Hon. T. C. Gower, of Greenville, was in town last week.

Messrs. Parker & Hill are using one of the stores under the new hotel to store corn.

Mr. J. D. Chalmers and Mr. Jacob Katz have been quite sick. We are glad to report them better.

Mr. Wade Cuthan was threatened with a serious sickness, but care and good nursing have averted it.

How about the market and town hall to be built by the Council? We think it a good scheme.

Christmas day was observed by the closing of the stores and the usual family Xmas dinners.

There was no service any of the Churches on last Sunday night. This is becoming too common for Abbeville.

The Town Council have passed an ordinance requiring all stores and bar-rooms, especially, to close by 10 o'clock p.m.

Messrs. John Frank Harper, Wess, Harper and J. M. Baker, of Lowndesville, were among the stylish young men at the Ball.

Three brides were in attendance on Sunday last at the Presbyterian Church and it was not a good day for bride's either.

Mr. John M. Geer, of Belton, S. C., spent a few days in town this week the guest of his college mate, J. S. Perrin, Esq.

Misses Baxter and Rutherford, of Newberry and the Misses Vance, of Troy are the guests of Judge Cuthan's family.

Messrs. Frank and William Whitner came over on Monday from Anderson to attend the Ball and German, and are at Judge McGowan's.

Prof. Geo. C. Hodges has brought his family to Abbeville and is moving into the Wardlaw house, on Magazine Hill. We bid them a hearty welcome.

Our honorable Representatives, Messrs. Parker, Hemphill and Graydon, have returned from their duties in Columbia, the General Assembly having adjourned *sine die*.

The Misses Aiken daughters of Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, Mr. Earle Sloan of Charleston, Mr. Christie Orr, of Anderson and Mr. D. A. P. Jordan, are staying at Mrs. S. M. W. Smith's.

Hon. W. P. Wileman and his beautiful bride passed through Abbeville on Saturday en route to Due West to visit relatives and friends. Our genial friend was beaming with happiness.

Let it be understood that the Wilson of the *Press and Banner* office who has put on the matrimonial harness is not the bachelor editor. He is wedded to celibacy.

Dr. B. F. Duckett, of Newberry, has been in town. His friends were glad to see him—and we are glad to congratulate him on his success in his profession.

The Methodists of our community are gratified that Rev. W. R. Richardson has been returned by Conference to this church, and that Rev. Mr. Rushton is returned to this Circuit.

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The stores generally were closed on Christmas day. This is a good custom and should be kept up. The hard-worked folks need a day's rest every now and then.

Mr. Charles C. Wardlaw and his young bride arrived at home Christmas day, and have received the good wishes and congratulations of very many friends to start them on their happy way.

Our warm-hearted friend Tom Walker who travels in Florida for F. W. Wagoner & Co., is spending his holiday among his old friends. He attended the Ball the other night, in mighty good company.

Mr. Richard Wilson of the *Press and Banner* office was married by Rev. J. L. Martin on last Wednesday, 24th inst. The bride, Lily Brooks, daughter of Mr. W. H. Brooks, of Good luck and happiness attend them always.

The boys return thanks to the court-providers of the new hotel for the privileges extended them during the holidays. Such public spirit as these gentlemen have manifested deserves unlimited success.

The untidy, dirty appearance of a grizzly beard should never be allowed. Buckham's Face for the Whiskers will readily change their color to a brown or black, at discretion, and thus keep up your reputation for neatness and good looks.

The weather for the past week has been as perfect as it well could be. We have had their cold with a snow, rain and cold, and have a day of two of clear and bracing weather. At present it is most beautiful spring.

Furge out the lurking distemper that undermines health, and the constitutional vigor will return. Those who suffer from an enfeebled and disordered state of the system, should take Ayer's Sarsaparilla to cleanse the blood, and restore vitality.

Debility in adults is often caused by worms. The change from childhood to manhood is not sufficient to rid the system of this awful plague. Shiner's Indian Vermifuge will expell them and restore health and a bright complexion.

J. Conway Garlington, Esq., has assumed editorial control of the *Abbeville Journal and Farmer*. Mr. Garlington's sensible salutatory gives promise of an intelligent and useful career in journalism. Laurens will have two of the best papers in the State.

Mr. J. R. Hagood, Jr., editor of the *Early Messenger*, died last week, in the 23rd year of his age. We did not know Mr. Hagood but from the warm and tender expressions of those who did know him we are sure his death is much to be deplored.

The accommodations at the depot are very poor indeed. Passengers now almost have to wade ankle deep in mud to get to the platform from the train. The Railroad authorities ought to look after this matter before it is reported to the Commissioners.

Miss Annie Lee Whitner, of Anderson, Mr. Arthur Simpkins, of Chappells, S. McGowan Simpkins, Esq., of Edgfield, and Mr. Jas. F. McGowan, of Spartanburg have been the guests of Judge McGowan's family during the holidays.

We are under obligations to Mr. Thos. McGettigan of the Palmetto Saloon and Mr. Frank Cunningham of the Continental Saloon, for some bottles of wine and brandy that were pure and good. These gentlemen conduct their business on a strictly legal basis, and disorder and trouble never occur with them.

Prof. Reed remained in Abbeville for the holidays and will go to Georgetown where he will begin the practice of law. Mr. Reed is an accomplished gentleman who has many friends in Abbeville, who regret his departure from their midst, and wish him success in his new field of labor.

It is wise to provide against emergencies that are liable to arise in every family. A cold may be a dangerous thing, or not, depending upon the means at hand to combat it. In sudden attacks of cold, cough, asthma, etc., Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will provide the quickest and most effective cure, and your best friend.

A young lady by the name of Miss Rouse, was frightened at a poor little mouse, and the scream that she uttered shattered heavens blue dome and bulged out the walls of the house.

Mrs. Simpkins and Miss Jennie Simpkins of Chappells, and Mr. Marion Rucker, of Anderson, were the guests of the family of W. H. Parker, Esq. and Mr. W. H. Parker, Jr., now of Charleston and Mr. L. W. Parker, of Parker, of the South Carolina College are at home.

The School Commissioner's report is a clear and exhaustive statement of the work of the office during the term of Capt. Cuthan, and will repay a perusal. The retiring School Commissioner has been an attentive and faithful officer, and goes out of office with the confidence and respect of the people of the County.

A new feature for the pleasures of the youths was given by Mrs. Cogger last Friday night—Private Theatricals. Bolts and Bars were on the boards. Music, both vocal and instrumental being between the acts added to the well acted scenes. Nothing is more Christian than contributing to the pleasures of the young.

One day last week Mr. S. A. McIntosh and Mr. J. A. Moragne became involved in a difficulty in the course of which, as we hear Mr. McIntosh drew a gun on Mr. Moragne. In the scuffle that ensued Moragne got possession of the gun and struck Mr. McIntosh over the head inflicting an ugly wound. It has been hard to get the facts, and we give just what we hear.

Business Notices.

Buy your Holiday Goods from Speed & Lowry.

W. S. Cuthan & Co.'s stock of Cigars and Tobacco can not be surpassed in Abbeville.

White Brothers having an immense stock of fall and winter goods, are now prepared to supply the wants of all their friends and the public generally. Goods are cheaper than they were ever known to be, and in the purchase of them a little money will pay for a great many articles.

Call at the Palmetto Saloon, the gentleman's resort where you can enjoy a good quiet drink. Loafers and children not allowed. T. McGettigan.

If you suffer Headache, constipation, Dizziness, Sour Stomach, or Bilious attacks, *Emory's Little Cathartic Pills* will relieve you, as a regulator of the bowels they have no equal; very small, one to three a dose. 15 cents.

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